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YET, THAT SAME MAN HAS A HEART AS BIG AS ALL OUTDOORS!
BEN, DEAREST--YOU'RE THE KINDEST, SWEETEST, MOST WONDERFUL MAN I'VE EVER KNOWN!
AWW, C'MON, KID--DON'T! CUT IT OUT! IT--IT AINT RIGHT!
DON'T BE BASHFUL, DEAR! SUE AND REED AND EVERYBODY KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU!
I JUST WANT TO BE SURE THAT YOU KNOW, TOO!
IT AINT THAT, BABY! I JUST WANNA BE FAIR TO YA, THAT'S ALL!
IT AINT RIGHT FOR ME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YA--JUST 'CAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE!
TAKE ADVANTAGE?!! I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BEN--?
SKIP IT, HONEY! JUST--SKIP IT--!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, ALICIA!
IT'S JUST THAT BEN WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU--HE BECAME OVER-WROUGHT!
YEAH--SURE! THAT'S WHAT IT WUZ! JUST THAT!
I UNDER-STAND!
WE'D BETTER BE RUNNING ALONG NOW, DEAR!
THANK YOU--ALL OF YOU--FOR COMING TO VISIT ME!
WHAT GOT INTO YOU, BEN?
YOU DID THE ONE THING YOU NEVER WANT TO DO--YOU BEGAN TO UPSET THE GIRL YOU LOVE!
I COULDN'T HELP IT! I KEEP THINKIN'--WHAT IF SHE EVER GOT HER EYE-SIGHT BACK?
WHAT IF SHE WUZ EVER ABLE TO TAKE A GOOD HARD LOOK AT ME?!!
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SHE FINDS OUT WHY I'M CALLED--THE THING?!!
BUT ALICIA ISN'T INTERESTED IN YOUR LOOKS! IT'S YOU SHE LOVES--!
NUTS! I AINT BUYIN' THAT, MISTER!
YOU GOTTA GET BACK TO WORK WITH THEM TEST TUBES OF YOURS! YOU GOTTA FIND A WAY TO CHANGE ME--BACK TO THE BEN GRIMM I USEDTA BE!
CAN'TCHA SEE, STRETCHO? YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE!
I KNOW--OLD FRIEND!
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BUT NOW, LET US TURN OUR ATTENTION TO A HIDDEN SUBTERRANEAN CHAMBER FAR BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE CITY, WHERE A DEADLY NEW DANGER IS A'BORNING--
STOP! WHO ARE YOU?? WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME??
YOU CAN'T DO THIS!! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT--!
WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER?? WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK??
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AND NOW-- THIS!
CLANG
I'M LOCKED IN!
WITHOUT A WORD OF EXPLANATION!--WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING WHO MY CAPTOR IS!
PATIENCE, DR. SANTINI! YOU SHALL KNOW-- SOON ENOUGH!
AT LAST! A VOICE! THE FIRST I'VE HEARD!
BUT--YOU KNOW MY NAME! HOW??
THERE IS VIRTUALLY NOTHING WHICH I DO NOT KNOW!
THOSE WHO BROUGHT YOU HERE DID NOT SPEAK BECAUSE THEY CANNOT SPEAK!
THEY ARE MERELY MINDLESS ANDROIDS WHO DO MY BIDDING!
BUT YOU SHALL SPEAK, DR. SANTINI! YOU SHALL TELL ME WHAT I WISH TO KNOW!
UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MY HYPNO-LENSES, YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE!
NOW TALK! WHY DID YOU COME TO AMERICA? WHY DID REED RICHARDS SEND FOR YOU?
SPEAK! I COMMAND YOU!
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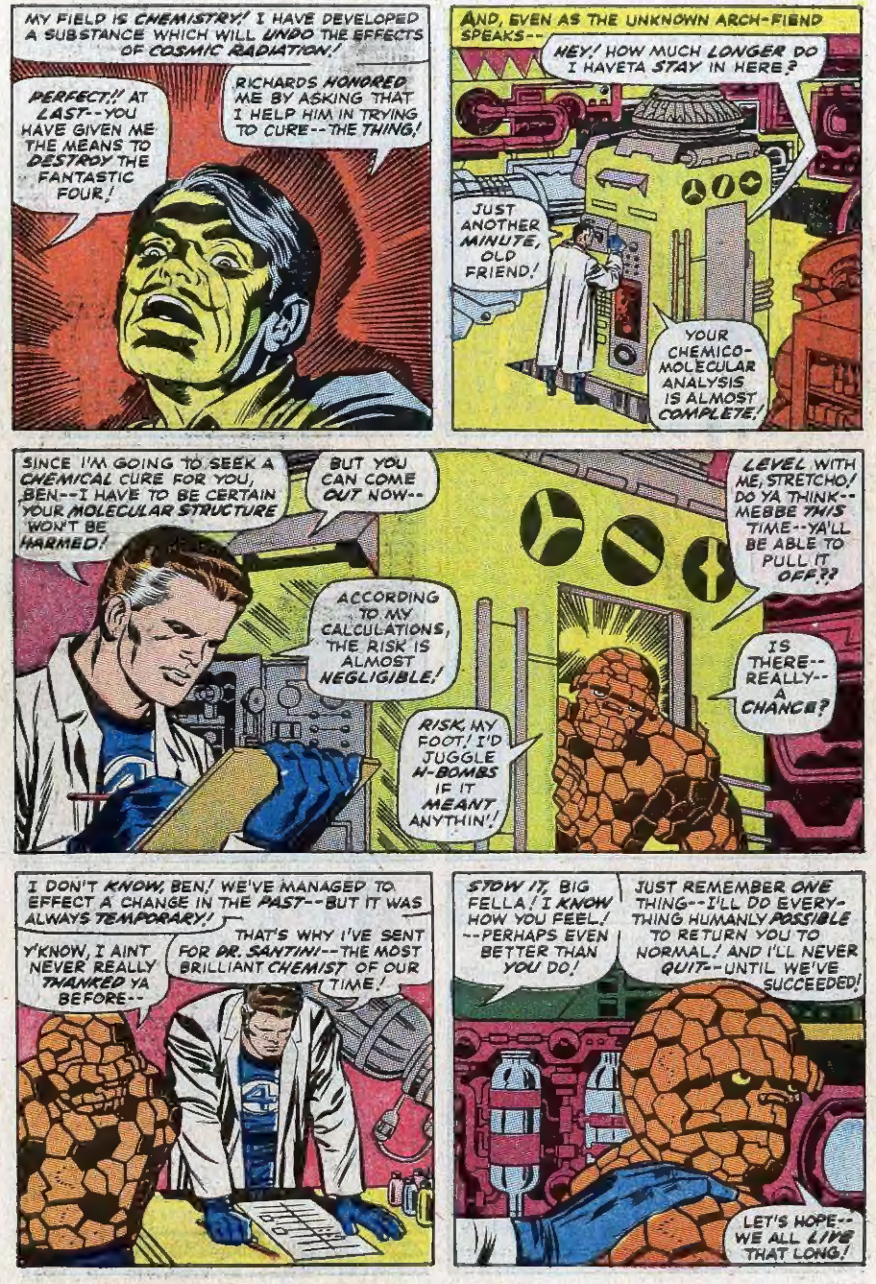

MY FIELD IS CHEMISTRY! I HAVE DEVELOPED A SUBSTANCE WHICH WILL UNDO THE EFFECTS OF COSMIC RADIATION!
RICHARDS HONORED ME BY ASKING THAT I HELP HIM IN TRYING TO CURE--THE THING!
PERFECT!! AT LAST--YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THE MEANS TO DESTROY THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
AND, EVEN AS THE UNKNOWN ARCH-FIEND SPEAKS--
HEY! HOW MUCH LONGER DO I HAVETA STAY IN HERE?
JUST ANOTHER MINUTE, OLD FRIEND!
YOUR CHEMICO-MOLECULAR ANALYSIS IS ALMOST COMPLETE!
SINCE I'M GOING TO SEEK A CHEMICAL CURE FOR YOU, BEN--I HAVE TO BE CERTAIN YOUR MOLECULAR STRUCTURE WON'T BE HARMED!
BUT YOU CAN COME OUT NOW--
LEVEL WITH ME, STRETCHO! DO YA THINK--MEBBE THIS TIME--YA'LL BE ABLE TO PULL IT OFF??
IS THERE--REALLY--A CHANCE?
ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, THE RISK IS ALMOST NEGLIGIBLE!
RISK, MY FOOT! I'D JUGGLE H-BOMBS IF IT MEANT ANYTHIN'!
I DON'T KNOW, BEN! WE'VE MANAGED TO EFFECT A CHANGE IN THE PAST--BUT IT WAS ALWAYS TEMPORARY!
THAT'S WHY I'VE SENT FOR DR. SANTINI--THE MOST BRILLIANT CHEMIST OF OUR TIME!
Y'KNOW, I AINT NEVER REALLY THANKED YA BEFORE--
STOW IT, BIG FELLA! I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL! --PERHAPS EVEN BETTER THAN YOU DO!
JUST REMEMBER ONE THING--I'LL DO EVERYTHING HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO RETURN YOU TO NORMAL! AND I'LL NEVER QUIT--UNTIL WE'VE SUCCEEDED!
LET'S HOPE--WE ALL LIVE THAT LONG!

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DON'TCHA WORRY, SUSIE BABY! I'LL HELP YA!
GOOD! IT'S JUST WHAT I WANT!
WHOOSH!
A FINE THING!! MY OWN BEST FRIEND, BLOWING ME ACROSS THE ROOM LIKE A SHEET IN A CYCLONE!!
THANK YOU, MR. GRIMM! I'M CERTAINLY GLAD THERE WAS ONE GENTLEMAN PRESENT!
YOU KNOW ME, SUSIE! I'M A REGULAR SIR WALTER REILLY!
YOU MEAN RALEIGH, BEN!
YEAH--BUT LIKE WILLY SHAKESPEARE SAID, "WHAT'S IN A MONIKER?--
--A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME'LL STILL GIVE YA HAY FEVER!"
WELL, I FEEL AS THOUGH I'VE SPENT THE NIGHT IN A WARING BLENDER--BUT IT WAS WORTH IT!
AT LEAST BIG BEN SOUNDS MORE LIKE HIS OLD, CORNY SELF AGAIN!
NOW, IF I CAN JUST GET MYSELF UNTANGLED--!
WELL, MR. RICHARDS! I HOPE THAT WILL TEACH YOU NOT TO PICK ON POOR, DEFENSELESS FEMALES!
--ESPECIALLY WHEN ONE OF THEM HAS DESIGNED A BRAND-NEW, MINI-SKIRTED COSTUME TO SURPRISE YOU WITH!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, BEN DEAR?
HUH? OH, YEAH--SURE--I GUESS SO, KID!
YA GOTTA EXCUSE ME--I WUZ KINDA THINKIN' OF SOMETHIN' ELSE!
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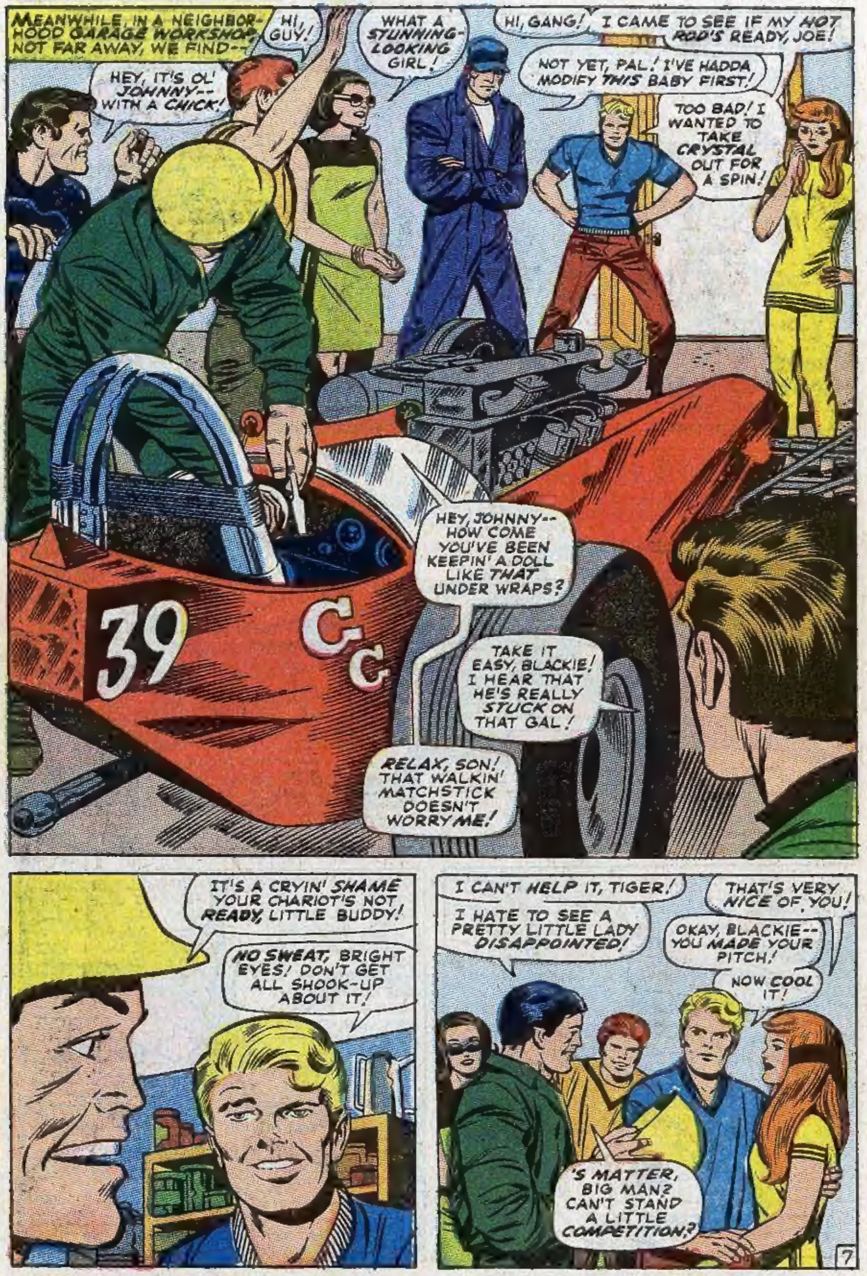

MEANWHILE, IN A NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE WORKSHOP NOT FAR AWAY, WE FIND--
HI, GUY!
WHAT A STUNNING-LOOKING GIRL!
HI, GANG!
I CAME TO SEE IF MY HOT ROD'S READY, JOE!
NOT YET, PAL! I'VE HADDA MODIFY THIS BABY FIRST!
TOO BAD! I WANTED TO TAKE CRYSTAL OUT FOR A SPIN!
HEY, IT'S OL' JOHNNY-- WITH A CHICK!
HEY, JOHNNY-- HOW COME YOU'VE BEEN KEEPIN' A DOLL LIKE THAT UNDER WRAPS?
TAKE IT EASY, BLACKIE! I HEAR THAT HE'S REALLY STUCK ON THAT GAL!
RELAX, SON! THAT WALKIN' MATCHSTICK DOESN'T WORRY ME!
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IT'S A CRYIN' SHAME YOUR CHARIOT'S NOT READY, LITTLE BUDDY!
NO SWEAT, BRIGHT EYES! DON'T GET ALL SHOOK-UP ABOUT IT!
I CAN'T HELP IT, TIGER!
I HATE TO SEE A PRETTY LITTLE LADY DISAPPOINTED!
THAT'S VERY NICE OF YOU!
OKAY, BLACKIE-- YOU MADE YOUR PITCH!
NOW COOL IT!
'S MATTER, BIG MAN? CAN'T STAND A LITTLE COMPETITION?

HEY, BLACKIE-- THAT'S THE HUMAN TORCH YOU'RE TALKIN' TO!
GO AHEAD, JOHNNY-- FLAME ON!
SHOW 'IM WHAT THE SCORE IS!
YOU'RE NOT GONNA LET A CREEP LIKE BLACKIE MAKE A PITCH FOR YOUR GAL, ARE YOU?
BACK OFF, YOU GUYS!
I DON'T NEED A TROUBLE-MAKIN' WAR CABINET!
BLACKIE KNOWS HOW EASILY I CAN MAKE THINGS NOT FOR HIM IF I WANT TO!
RIGHT, BIG MOUTH?
HEY--LOOK OUT! WATCH IT! DON'T--!
CAN'TCHA TAKE A JOKE, YOU-- YEOWWW!
I DARE YA TO FACE ME MAN-TO-MAN WITHOUT THAT PHONY FLAME OF YOURS, STORM!
I WAS HOPING YOU'D ASK, CASANOVA!
NO, JOHNNY! DON'T FIGHT! PLEASE--!
IT'S OKAY, CRYS! IT WON'T TAKE LONG!
OKAY WISE GUY-- START SOMETHING!
JOHNNY STORM! YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT USELESS FIGHTING!
IF YOU WANT TO BEHAVE LIKE A BARBARIAN, I'LL TREAT YOU LIKE A BARBARIAN!
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS A TEMPER!
NEVER FORGET--THE ELEMENTAL POWER THAT I POSSESS IS AS GREAT AS ANY!
FOR, ONLY I CAN WIELD A MYSTIC INFLUENCE OVER FIRE, WATER, AND AIR-- WHENEVER THE NEED ARISES!
CRYS--DON'T! I WAS ONLY TRYING TO TEACH HIM-- CRYS!!
FOR THE LUVVA PETE! IF THAT'S WHAT YOUR CHICK CAN DO--YOU CAN HAVE HER, FELLA!
WITH MY COMPLIMENTS!
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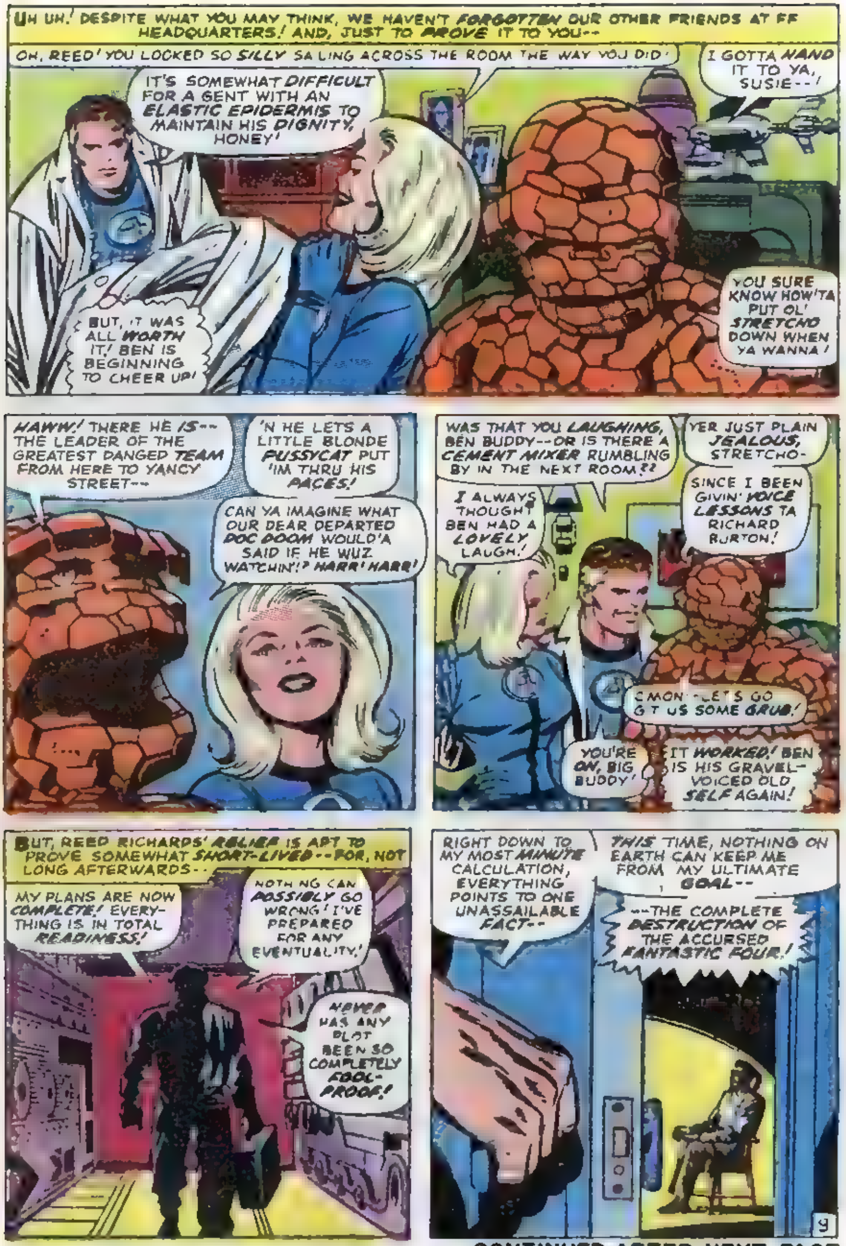

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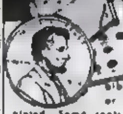

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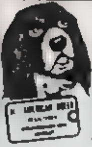

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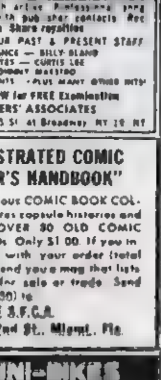

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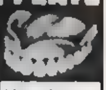

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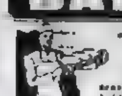

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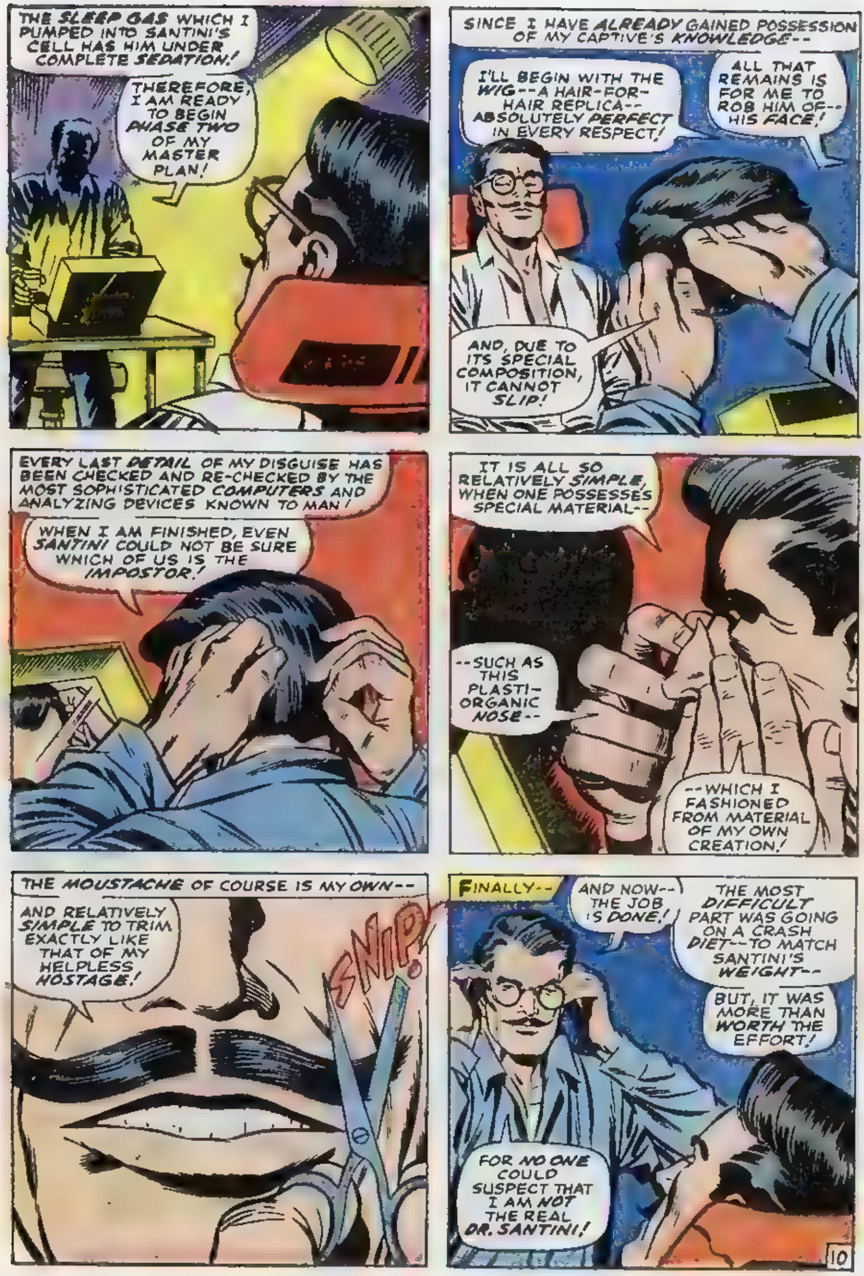

THE SLEEP GAS WHICH I PUMPED INTO SANTINI'S CELL HAS HIM UNDER COMPLETE SEDATION!
THEREFORE, I AM READY TO BEGIN PHASE TWO OF MY MASTER PLAN!
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EVERY LAST DETAIL OF MY DISGUISE HAS BEEN CHECKED AND RE-CHECKED BY THE MOST SOPHISTICATED COMPUTERS AND ANALYZING DEVICES KNOWN TO MAN!
WHEN I AM FINISHED, EVEN SANTINI COULD NOT BE SURE WHICH OF US IS THE IMPOSTOR!
IT IS ALL SO RELATIVELY SIMPLE, WHEN ONE POSSESSES SPECIAL MATERIAL--
--SUCH AS THIS PLASTI-ORGANIC NOSE--
--WHICH I FASHIONED FROM MATERIAL OF MY OWN CREATION!
THE MOUSTACHE OF COURSE IS MY OWN--
AND RELATIVELY SIMPLE TO TRIM EXACTLY LIKE THAT OF MY HELPLESS HOSTAGE!
SNIP!
FINALLY--
AND NOW-- THE JOB IS DONE!
THE MOST DIFFICULT PART WAS GOING ON A CRASH DIET--TO MATCH SANTINI'S WEIGHT--
BUT, IT WAS MORE THAN WORTH THE EFFORT!
FOR NO ONE COULD SUSPECT THAT I AM NOT THE REAL DR. SANTINI!
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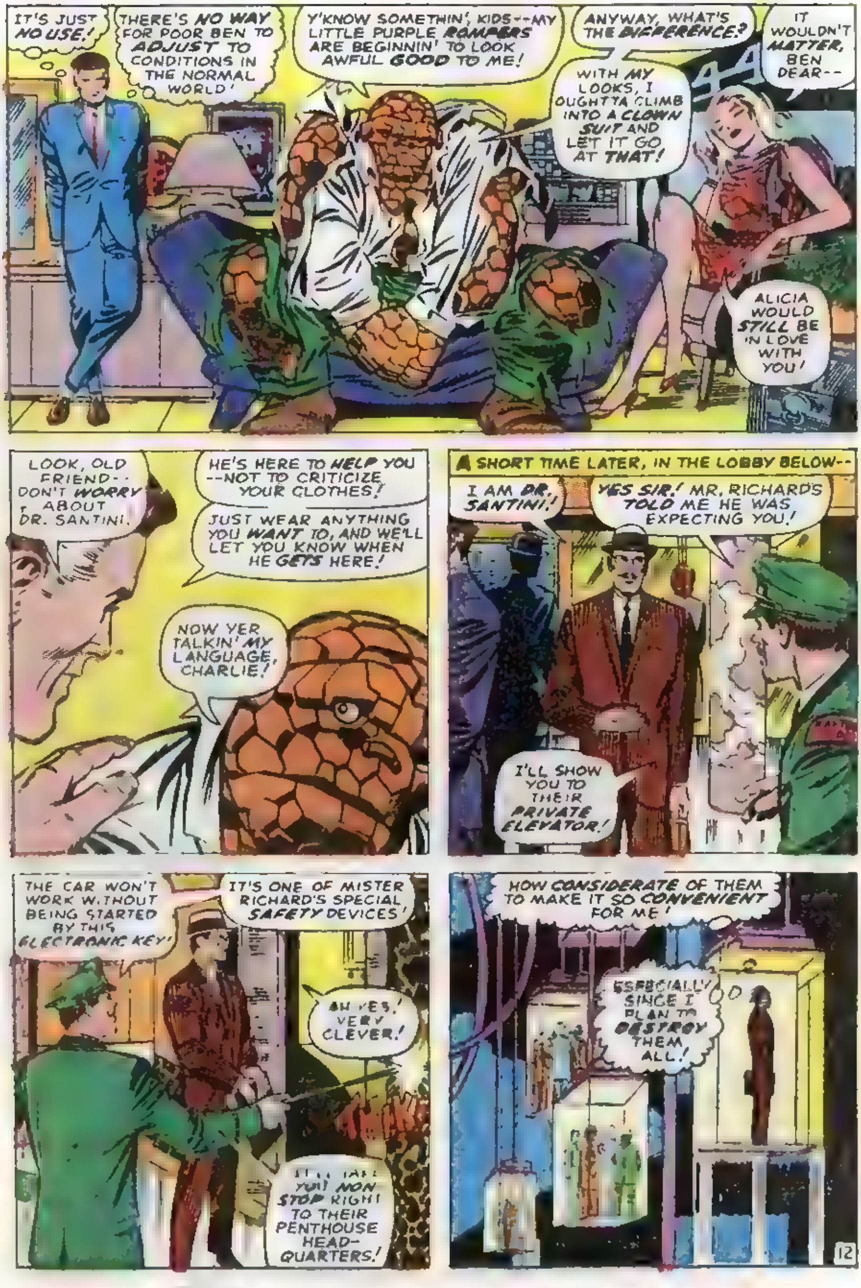
ALTHOUGH THE FANTASTIC FOUR HAVE MANAGED TO OUT-FIGHT ME IN THE PAST--
NOTHING CAN SAVE THEM NOW!
AND, AT THAT VERY MOMENT-- IN THE FAMOUS BAXTER BLDG...
I STILL DON'T SEE WHY I GOTTA GIT ALL DOLLED-UP LIKE A BLASTED BEAU BUMMEL--!
THE NAME IS BEAU BRUMMEL, BENJAMIN--
AND I'VE TOLD YOU A DOZEN TIMES THAT OUR VISITOR IS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS CHEMISTS ON EARTH!
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO GREET HIM IN THOSE PURPLE DIAPERS OF YOURS, WOULD YOU?
AT LEAST THEY SHOW OFF MY MANLY BUILT!
EASY WITH THAT COLLAR, BEN! IT COST A SMALL FORTUNE TO HAVE THOSE CLOTHES CUSTOM MADE FOR YOU!
NUTS! YA SHOULDA SAVED YER MONEY, MISTER!
I CAN'T EVEN GIT A KNOT IN THIS NUTTY TIE MY AUNT PETUNIA SENT ME!
IT'S LIKE TRYIN' TO THREAD A NEEDLE WITH A CATCHER'S MITT!
DON'T BE IMPATIENT, BOYS!
PERHAPS I CAN HELP!
THERE, BEN DEAR! YOU LOOK JUST LIKE A BLUE-EYED FASHION PLATE!
RATS! I FEEL MORE LIKE A BLUSHIN' BOWL'A ORANGE JELLO!
JUST DON'T TAKE A DEEP BREATH, BENJAMIN!
HUH? WHAT'SAT YA SAID, STRETCHO?
NEVER MIND!



IT'S JUST NO USE!
THERE'S NO WAY FOR POOR BEN TO ADJUST TO CONDITIONS IN THE NORMAL WORLD!
Y'KNOW SOMETHIN', KIDS--MY LITTLE PURPLE ROMPERS ARE BEGINNIN' TO LOOK AWFUL GOOD TO ME!
ANYWAY, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?
WITH MY LOOKS, I OUGHTTA CLIMB INTO A CLOWN SUIT AND LET IT GO AT THAT!
IT WOULDN'T MATTER, BEN DEAR--
ALICIA WOULD STILL BE IN LOVE WITH YOU!
LOOK, OLD FRIEND--DON'T WORRY ABOUT DR. SANTINI.
HE'S HERE TO HELP YOU --NOT TO CRITICIZE YOUR CLOTHES!
JUST WEAR ANYTHING YOU WANT TO, AND WE'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN HE GETS HERE!
NOW YER TALKIN' MY LANGUAGE, CHARLIE!
A SHORT TIME LATER, IN THE LOBBY BELOW--
I AM DR. SANTINI!
YES SIR! MR. RICHARDS TOLD ME HE WAS EXPECTING YOU!
I'LL SHOW YOU TO THEIR PRIVATE ELEVATOR!
THE CAR WON'T WORK WITHOUT BEING STARTED BY THIS ELECTRONIC KEY!
IT'S ONE OF MISTER RICHARD'S SPECIAL SAFETY DEVICES!
AH YES! VERY CLEVER!
NON STOP RIGHT TO THEIR PENTHOUSE HEAD-QUARTERS!
HOW CONSIDERATE OF THEM TO MAKE IT SO CONVENIENT FOR ME!
ESPECIALLY SINCE I PLAN TO DESTROY THEM ALL!
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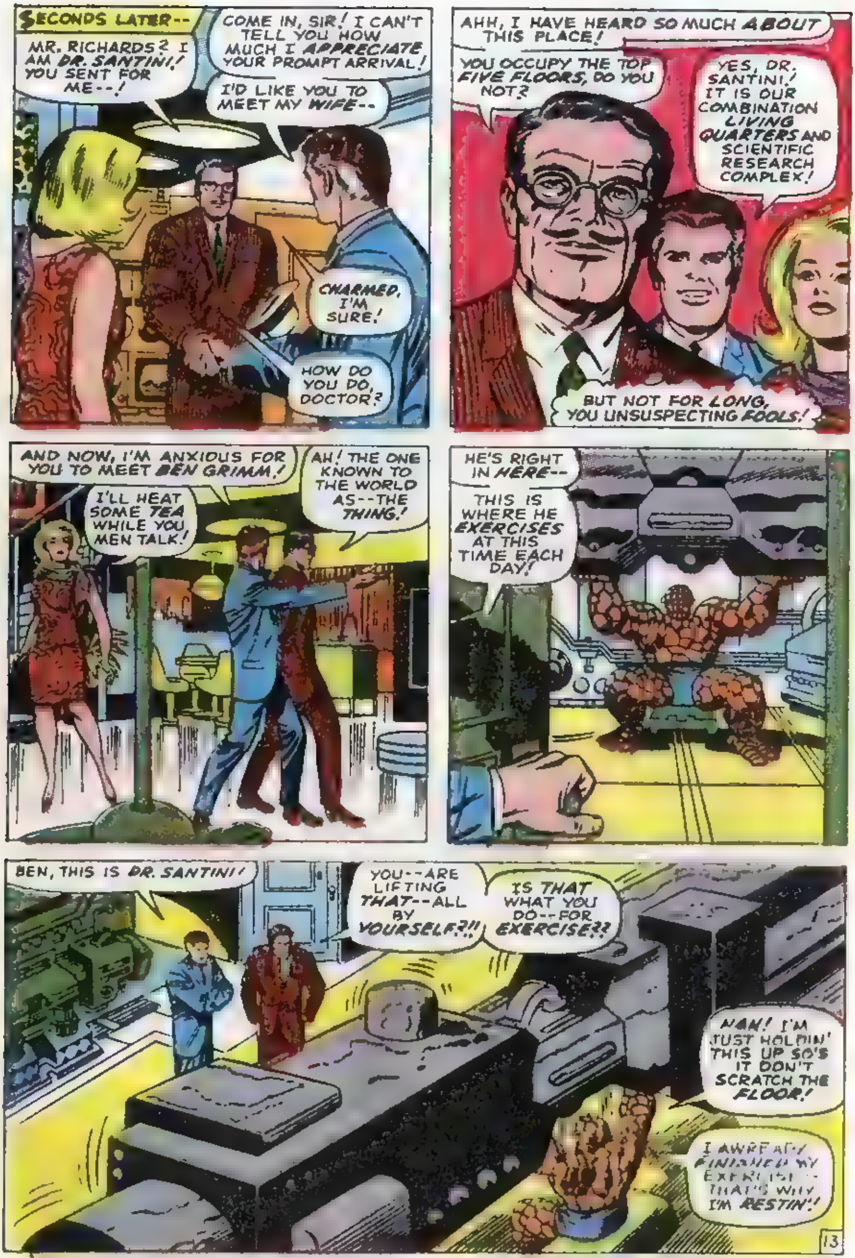

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VERY AMUSING, THAT FELLOW!
I FIND YOUR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT EXTREMELY FASCINATING, RICHARDS!
DOES THIS PARTICULAR UNIT RUN TO CENTRAL BANKS--OR IS IT PROGRAMMED FOR UNI-CYCLICAL OPERATION?
YOU SEEM UNUSUALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT COMPUTERS--FOR A CHEMIST, DR. SANTINI!
AS A SCIENTIST, I AM KEENLY INTERESTED IN ALL PHASES OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR!
AND NOW--SHALL WE GET TO WORK?
LEVEL WITH ME, DOC! CAN YA REALLY HELP ME?
CAN YA REALLY TURN ME BACK TO THE KINDA GUY I USEDTA BE??
SINCE BEING CONTACTED BY REED RICHARDS, I HAVE STUDIED THE PROBLEM!
I THINK I MAY PROMISE YOU--YOU WILL BE--CHANGED!
MISTER--IF YOU AINT PUTTIN' ME ON--IF YA REALLY MEAN IT--!!
I--DUNNO WHAT--TO SAY!
SEE THIS USED-UP IRON DOO-HICKEY HERE? IT WEIGHS MORE'N 300 POUNDS!
NOW JUST WATCH--
I CAN CRUSH IT LIKE AN EGG SHELL!
--I CAN HOLD BACK A CHARGIN' TANK--'N PLOW THRU A SOLID STEEL WALL--!
BUT, I WOULDN'T CARE IF I WUZ THE WEAKEST JOE ON EARTH--IF I COULD JUST BE--HUMAN--ONCE MORE!
I UNDERSTAND YOUR PROBLEM, BEN GRIMM! AND I SAY ONCE AGAIN--
WHEN I AM DONE--YOU WILL BE A DIFFERENT MAN!
BUT NOT THE WAY YOU EXPECT, YOU BRAINLESS, BESTIAL CLOD!
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THEN, AS THE LONG, SUSPENSEFUL HOURS DRAG ON--
I'LL HAVE THE MOLECU-BOARD OPERATIONAL FOR YOU BEFORE LONG, SANTINI!
EXCELLENT! EXCELLENT! THIS WILL BE ONE OF MY GREATEST SCIENTIFIC TRIUMPHS!
THE COMPONENT PARTS HAVE JUST ARRIVED!
WAIT A MINUTE, DOCTOR!! SOMETHING'S WRONG!!
THERE'S AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF RADIATION EMANATING FROM THAT CHEMICAL MIXTURE!!
NONSENSE!! I PERSONALLY CHECKED IT--JUST MINUTES AGO!
THEN YOU CHECKED IT WRONG!!
LOOK AT THOSE DIALS, MAN!! THERE CAN'T BE ANY DOUBT!!
IF I HADN'T COME IN WHEN I DID--TO COMPENSATE FOR THE SEEPAGE--THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED!!
CARELESSNESS IN A MAN OF YOUR REPUTATION, DOCTOR!!
MEANWHILE, TOO NERVOUS, TOO TENSE TO REMAIN AT THE BAXTER BUILDING WHILE THE VITAL PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE, THE BROODING THING WALKS AIMLESSLY THRU THE CANYONS OF THE GREAT, SPRAWLING CITY--
THE ONLY THING I REGRET--IN CASE THE EXPERIMENT WORKS--IT'LL MEAN THE FF WON'T NEED ME ANY MORE!!
WITHOUT MY POWER--I'LL JUST BE ANOTHER GUY NAMED BEN!
REED KNOWS HE'LL LOSE HIS STRONGEST
THAT EGGHEAD'S THE GREATEST PAL A GUY EVER HAD!

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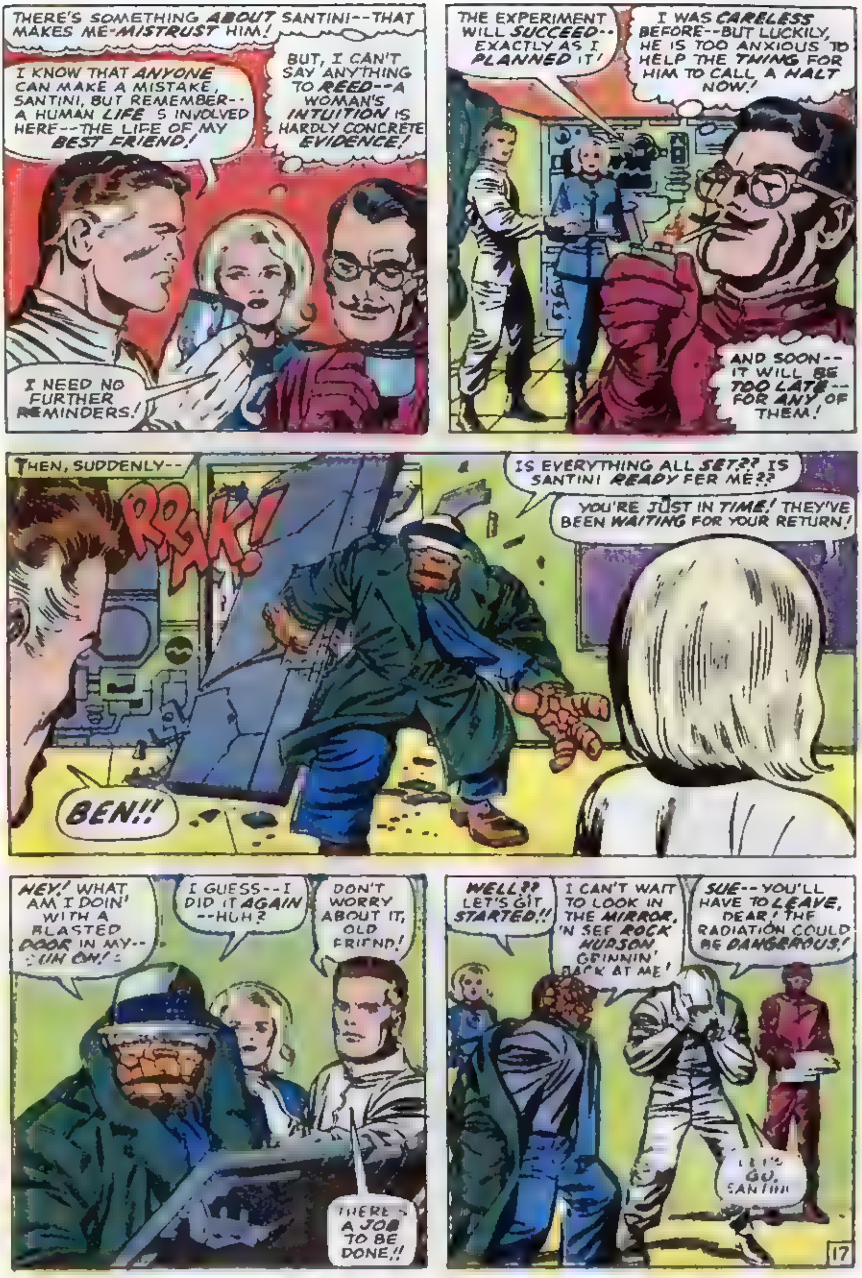
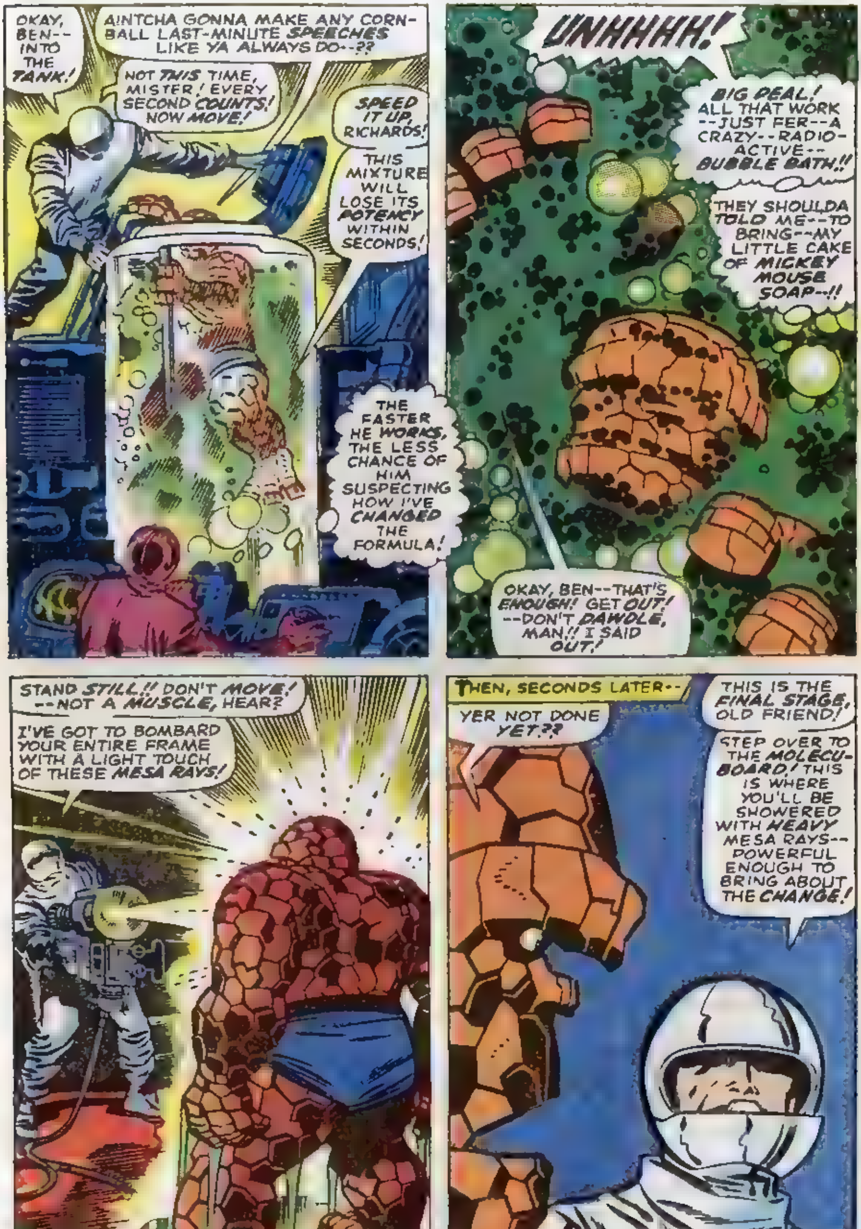
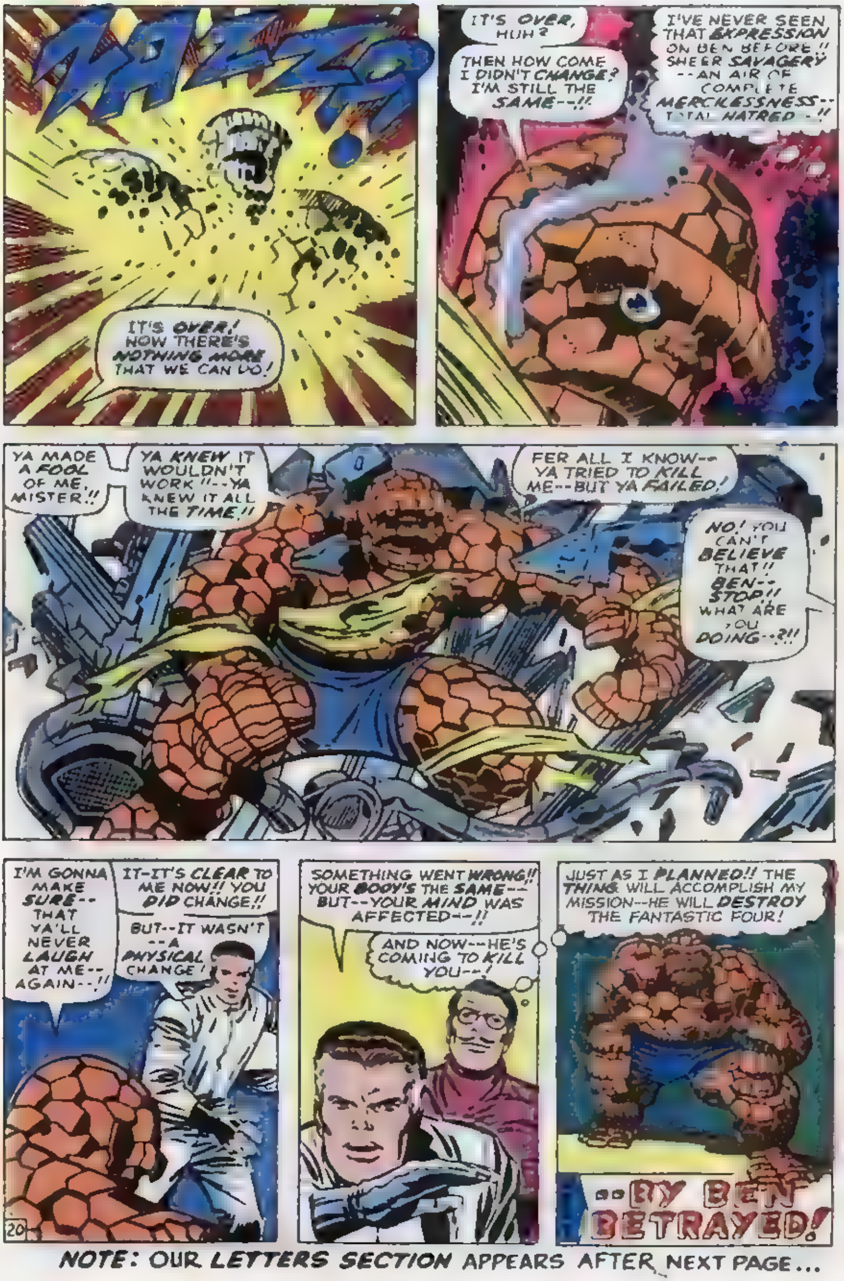


THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT SANTINI--THAT MAKES ME MISTRUST HIM!
I KNOW THAT ANYONE CAN MAKE A MISTAKE, SANTINI, BUT REMEMBER--A HUMAN LIFE IS INVOLVED HERE--THE LIFE OF MY BEST FRIEND!
BUT, I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING TO REED--A WOMAN'S INTUITION IS HARDLY CONCRETE EVIDENCE!
I NEED NO FURTHER REMINDERS!
THE EXPERIMENT WILL SUCCEED--EXACTLY AS I PLANNED IT!
I WAS CARELESS BEFORE--BUT LUCKILY, HE IS TOO ANXIOUS TO HELP THE THING FOR HIM TO CALL A HALT NOW!
AND SOON--IT WILL BE TOO LATE--FOR ANY OF THEM!
THEN, SUDDENLY--
KRAK!
IS EVERYTHING ALL SET?? IS SANTINI READY FER ME??
YOU'RE JUST IN TIME! THEY'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOUR RETURN!
BEN!!
HEY! WHAT AM I DOIN' WITH A BLASTED DOOR IN MY-- UH OH!
I GUESS--I DID IT AGAIN--HUH?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, OLD FRIEND!
THERE'S A JOB TO BE DONE!!
WELL?? LET'S GIT STARTED!!
I CAN'T WAIT TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR, 'N SEE ROCK HUDSON GRINNIN' BACK AT ME!
SUE--YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAVE, DEAR! THE RADIATION COULD BE DANGEROUS!
GO,



OKAY, BEN-- INTO THE TANK!
AINTCHA GONNA MAKE ANY CORN-BALL LAST-MINUTE SPEECHES LIKE YA ALWAYS DO--??
NOT THIS TIME, MISTER! EVERY SECOND COUNTS! NOW MOVE!
SPEED IT UP, RICHARDS!
THIS MIXTURE WILL LOSE ITS POTENCY WITHIN SECONDS!
THE FASTER HE WORKS, THE LESS CHANCE OF HIM SUSPECTING HOW I'VE CHANGED THE FORMULA!
UNHHHHH!
BIG DEAL! ALL THAT WORK --JUST FER--A CRAZY--RADIO-ACTIVE-- BUBBLE BATH!!
THEY SHOULDA TOLD ME--TO BRING--MY LITTLE CAKE OF MICKEY MOUSE SOAP--!!
OKAY, BEN--THAT'S ENOUGH! GET OUT! --DON'T DAWDLE, MAN!! I SAID OUT!
STAND STILL!! DON'T MOVE! --NOT A MUSCLE, HEAR?
I'VE GOT TO BOMBARD YOUR ENTIRE FRAME WITH A LIGHT TOUCH OF THESE MESA RAYS!
THEN, SECONDS LATER--
YER NOT DONE YET??
THIS IS THE FINAL STAGE, OLD FRIEND!
STEP OVER TO THE MOLECU-BOARD! THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL BE SHOWERED WITH HEAVY MESA RAYS--POWERFUL ENOUGH TO BRING ABOUT THE CHANGE!

WADDAYA STRAPPIN' ME DOWN FOR??
I'M A BIG BOY NOW! I AIN'T GONNA COMPLAIN ABOUT A LITTLE PAIN!
THAT'S NOT THE REASON, BEN! THE PROCESS IS RELATIVELY PAINLESS!
BUT YOU MUST BE HELD MOTION-LESS SO THE RAYS ARE DISTRIB-UTED EVENLY UPON YOUR BODY!
ALL SET, SANTINI?
I'M FAR MORE SET THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE, YOU UNSUSPECTING FOOL!-- THIS IS WHERE I ACHIEVE MY OBJECTIVE!
STAND ASIDE, RICHARDS! ONCE I MAKE THIS FINAL ADJUSTMENT THE RAYS WILL BE FIRED!
ADJUSTMENT??!! WHAT ADJUSTMENT?? STOP!! LET ME CHECK IT!!
I SAID HOLD IT!! DON'T TOUCH THOSE CONTROLS!!
IT'S TOO LATE! NOTHING CAN STOP THE PROCESS NOW!
BEN!!



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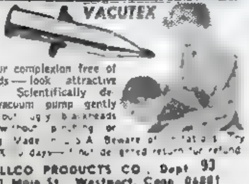

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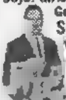

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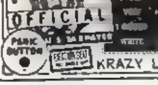

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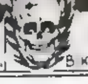

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ITEM! Here's the scoop you've been waiting for! The inside info about our two latest and greatest 25¢ Specials, which are on sale right now. Taking them in alphabetical order, we present the fabulous FANTASTIC FOUR SPECIAL which features not one but two—that's right, TWO—original, never-before-published [illegible], the [illegible] led off by a movie-length saga entitled [illegible] starring the F.F., the Black Panther, and the [illegible] Inhumans. You'll also gasp in amazement at our second far-out feature, which presents for the first time, starring in his own strip—the Silver Surfer! And you'll never guess who the unmentionable villain is! As if that's not enough, you'll frivolously fondle a whole kaboodle of pin-up pages and other assorted goodies!—But what about Spidey? Ah, we thought you'd never ask! Our SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL for this year brings you a double-length, all-new, all-original action bombshell featuring the block-busting battle you've all been clamoring for—the world's favorite wall-crawler vs.—you guessed it—the Human Torch!! There are also two unexpected guest villains whose identities you'll never figure out—until it's too late! And, for an extra kick, virtually the entire unforgettable chiller-diller takes place in glamorous, goofy Hollywood! And wait'll you see the panicky pages of Spidey Extras, taking you behind the scenes of our web-slingin' wonder's life for an intimate glimpse of Peter Parker, his pad, and his pals—as you've never seen 'em before! [illegible] we kid thee not! FANTASTIC FOUR SPECIAL #5, and SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL #4—both on sale today! If you don't buy another mag this month, these two you must not miss!

ITEM: Just in case some of you Faithful Ones weren't paying attention last ish, we thought we'd remind you once more about the sensational Fantastic Four and Spider-Man half-hour shows heading your way this fall, as well as the fabulous Fantastic Four Special coming up on ABC-TV in September! Watch your paper's TV listings for the exact time and date . . . 'cause it's not to be missed! And how about those new, glitzy, mixed-up Marvel items hitting the market every day! If your dealer doesn't have a full supply—show your MMMS card, face front twice, and organize a read-in till he gets with it! That'll show 'im!

ITEM! Remember a few months back when we printed a letter from a fan suggesting that we give all True Believers various ranks and titles in the nobility of Marveldom? Well, the idea seems to have really caught fire out there amongst you tigers. We received countless letters, pro and con. First, we'll print the most typical of the anti-Marvel-ranks letters—

Dear Stan,

Let's get something straight. You are not MEO (Marvel's Earthbound Odin); your artists are not DDD'S (Definitely Dizzy Doodlers); and your letterers are letterers, not IWP's (Indefatigable Word Placers), and so on. Get the message? If you follow up the idea of having to get letters printed, and of winning no-prizes in order to gain Ultimate Status, you'll get more bonehead letters than you know what to do with. When a fan sends a letter, it's to verify or correct what you've done. If it gets printed, fine! If it wins a no-prize, fine! But if people write just to get their letters printed or to win no-prizes, the letters pages will start losing dignity. Finally, I thought all loyal Marvelites had achieved ultimate status in the eyes of the Bullpen long ago. Do we have to add an atmosphere of cheap, commercial competitiveness to the Marvel Comics Group?

Robert Lax, 25 Audubon Drive
Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02167

—Bob's got a good point there, and he presented it most convincingly. However, while many other frantic ones expressed the same opinion, by far the vast majority of letters were in favor of the idea of ranks and titles for Marveldom. Here's an example of what we mean—

Dear Stan,

The idea of various ranks of Marvelites is terrific! Why didn't I think of it? However, there should be a rank for being an MMMS member. May I suggest K.F. (Keeper of the Faith) which would come between R.F.O. (Real Frantic One) and Q.N.S. (Quite Nuff Sayer).

K.F. Wayne Neliwadewich
3549 Nostrand Ave., Bklyn. 11229

—Actually, Wayne went on to mention many more ranks, but we figure that excerpt gave you the idea. So, what are we gonna do about it? Well, for one thing, we're going to boil down the seemingly endless list of titles which we've had suggested to us, and try to limit them to just a few, easy-to-remember ones. Then, when we get all the details worked out, we'll clue you in on this page in the very near future. And don't worry about being left out in the cold. We're gonna work it so that EVERY Marvelite—whether he's had a letter printed, or won a no-prize, or not—every Marvelite will be entitled to a rank of his own! Just give us time! Yes sir! Before we're through, we'll be well on our way to total oblivion.

ITEM: Here's an announcement we never expected to make! We're gonna recommend that you take a peek at—of all things—the latest ish of MILLIE THE MODEL! We've changed the mag around completely—new type of artwork and stories and Honest to Aunt May, it's really kinda funny. Even if MILLIE isn't your own cup of tea, we have a hunch your sister or gal friend (wouldja believe your cousin?) might just get a boot out of it!

ITEM: Speaking of funny mags, the new ish of NOT BRAND ECHH is finally sporting its own Letters Page. So, if you've been looking for a reason to latch onto a copy, now you've got it! Incidentally, this maniacal mag has become the "in" sensation of the year! (Now, if we can only figure out WHICH year!)

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

Many of you unsung heroes have written to ask how we really feel about our own mags. You've inquired whether we take them seriously, or just treat 'em as a patently pointless put-on! Well, just for the record, Charlie, we BELIEVE in our swingin' superheroes! We created them—we live with their adventures—their hang-ups—almost 24 hours a day. We know 'em as well as we know our families . . . and better than we know Irving Forbush! No, literature lover, our fearless little fables are NOT put-ons! To us, they're what's happening, baby! It's the REAL world we have our doubts about—but that's another story! Till next month then, Face Front! That's where the action is!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

Marvel-ous Mags On Sale Right Now!

NOT BRAND ECHH #4: This is the [illegible] one of all! See what happens to three of our greatest and goof-iest super-heroes when the VILLAINS win! Funny? Don't ask!

SPIDER-MAN #54: How can Spidey battle Doc Ock when his own Aunt May is an innocent hostage in the grim game of life and death? This one's not for the squeamish!

AVENGERS #48: Can the mighty Avengers withstand the attack of the sinister Super-Adaptoid—now that he has the added powers of Thor, Hercules, and Iron Man? You'll see—and how!

X-MEN #37: Possibly the most dramatic trial of all—as the uncanny X-Men face a jury of their greatest mutant foes, presided over by the malevolent master of Factor Three! Hoo-boy!

DAREDEVIL #33: Remember the bludgeoning Beetle—with the metal wings and armored body? Well, he's the one DD tangles with this time, and it's action all the way!

THOR #145: What's this? A Thunder God abandoned on earth—stripped of his powers, and tricked into helping the last group of [illegible] you expected to see? It's a blast!

SUSPENSE #95: Iron Man battles the grotesque Grey Gargoyle as a new character enters his life! And Captain America faces his most startling decision!

ASTONISH #97: Namor fights for his very life to escape from the fantastic fortress known as Skull Island—while the Hulk finds himself menaced by the power of the Living Lightning!

STRANGE TALES #162: Can even Nick Fury escape from the clutches of the Yellow Claw—and can Doc Strange defeat Mordo before the Living Tribunal destroys earth? This one you have to see for yourself—we're afraid to look!

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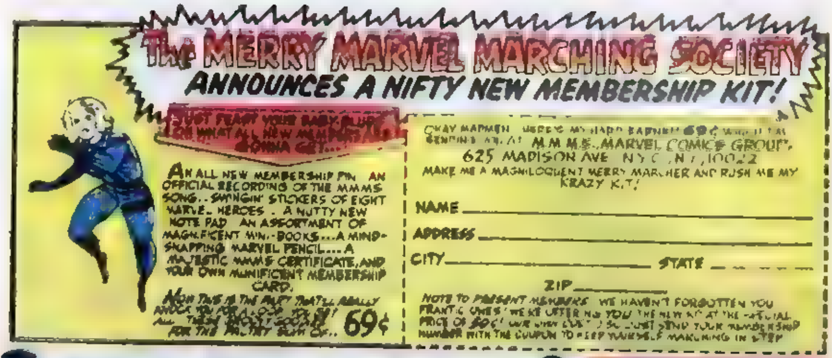

Fantastic Four (4) Fan Page

Send letters to LEE and KIRBY
THE MARVEL COMICS GROUP
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Dear Stan and Jack,

I know that this letter is late in being written, but this is the first chance that I have had to write; I'm a corporal in the Marine Corps. While out in the field on a problem, I got hold of your F.F. #63, featuring "Blastaar, the Living Bomb Burst!" Wow! It was great! Blastaar has really gone over big here. We even started a fan club for him—Blastie's Blasters. It wasn't very long before everyone in Amtracs had heard of the mighty Blastaar. We've been waiting impatiently for the reappearance of Blastie in one of your issues. Now we buy every ish that Marvel prints hoping for some word of his whereabouts. The F.F. proved to be too much for him in his first encounter with super-heroes. We were hoping that he would give Spider-Man a run for his money. Surely if you print an ish in which Blastaar battles Spidey, it will be a classic. As true believers in the power of Blastaar, we know that "He Shall Return!"

Cpl Phillip L. McManus, H&S Co. 2d Amtrac Bn,
Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic,
Courthouse Bay, Camp Lejeune, N. C. 28542

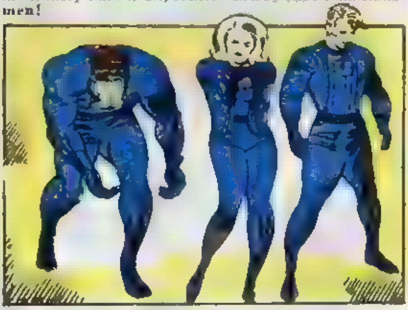
Then you know more than we do, Corp—which isn't very difficult! We must confess we'd kinda forgotten about bombastic Blastie—but any villain who'd make you latch onto all our other Marvel mags while waiting for his return can't be all bad! So, we'll see if we can track him down and talk him into a rematch. Meanwhile, Phil, we hope you and your Blastaar-lovin' buddies enjoy the complimentary subscription we're sending you. If Blastie does return, we wanna make sure you don't miss him! Till then, hang loose, heroes!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Don't think I'm being angry when I ask why my name hasn't appeared in your M.M.M.S. members section—it's just that I've been waiting for 3 years for it to appear! I joined the club in 1964 when I was in the Army. I dig Spidey the most, Daredevil is tops, and the Fantastic Four are "out of sight". I have a complete set of both F.F. and Spidey. You guys have a great thing going for you—please don't ever start thinking about stopping any of your fabulous mags. To prove I'm not a prankster, my card number is 2479. I'm 22 years old and have a very beautiful wife plus a 7-month-old son. My wife reads my issues as avidly as I do! When I was in the Army, my mother used to send your mags to me when I was in Viet Nam in the Mekong Delta region. The guys and I really liked them—keep up the good work, and may God bless every one of you and yours.

Mr & Mrs. Allen Frost, 1249 Willow St
Denver, Colo. 80220

Our sincerest thanks to you faithful Frosts for the lavishness and warmth of your good wishes. Unfortunately, we're not able to check on whose names have been printed in our Marvel Membership Roster (unless we wanna give up a few years of our lives, that is!) but we're more than happy to give you the recognition you so richly deserve right here and now. Oh, and by the way—if you'll send us the name of your youngster, we'll be delighted to enter a complimentary subscription for him as soon as he reaches his first birthday! (We think that 7 months is just a little too young for a fella to be reading F.F.—but one year—that's different!) Face front, folks!—You're our kinda clansmen!



Dear Stan and Jack,

I'd like to comment on issue #63 and 64. #63 was good, but please don't bring back Blastaar or the Sandman for about 15 issues. Now there will probably be fans who think Blastaar is a great character, but he isn't. He's too much like a Brand Echh type baddie. Also, I'm tired of the Sandman. Bring back some old baddies—some of your best villains are Dr. Doom, Diablo, and Dragon Man. Have the F.F. fight the Masters of Evil. Drop some people, such as the Silver Surfer. Issue #64 was excellent. The last panel was terrific, but please don't overdo the Kree. An alien now and then is okay, but not too many. Start a comic for your guest stars. Have a book with all the origins of your heroes. Keep up the excellent work!

Danny Staniskis, 520 Wiltshire Rd.
Upper Darby, Pa. 19082

How, Dan? If we try to follow all your orders, we'll be too busy to take a breath! Anyway, it'll be kinda inter-

Now hear this! Please keep all letters no longer than ONE PAGE! Have mercy, mellow ones!

esting to see how Marveldom Assembled feels about some of your swingin' suggestions, which seem to be at exact odds with others that appear on these same stupefying pages. Luckily, the magnificence of Marvel is so all-encompassing that it has room for all shades of opinion — all manner of criticism — and all the twelve-centses it can gather in its greedy little jaws!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Oh, paragon of perfection, oh, epitome of excellence, what have we poor mortals done to deserve F.F. #64? Every panel of amazing artwork, every delightful delineation sent my senses reeling, and I feel that the Kree will go on to be a truly frightful enemy for our fabulous foursome to face. One letter stated that Dr. Victor Von Doom, that dreadful master of deceit and destruction, was done in forever, and that this should always be so. But I say nay to this deluded soul. If you will note, in F.F. #60, the supremely startling Silver Surfer did not regain his masterful might until the silver surfboard was in his hands, for, as all true believers know, his powers are non-transferable without the board. Ergo, the diabolical Dr. Doom still had these powers until the moment the Silver Surfer once again had the board. Furthermore, the restrictive cosmic shield set up by Galactus was designed — not to destroy the Silver Surfer for whom Galactus felt no malice — but simply to restrict him as a punishment for his defiance. So the Doctor would merely be dethroned and forced to use his surfer powers to glide back to earth. I compute that the dreadful Doctor is now holed up in the Northern Andes Mountains, studying the ancient black magic lore of the forbidden Inca cults. I hope that Dr. Doom returns many times, for he symbolizes the epitome of evil that the F.F. is dedicated to ever oppose! To kill him off would symbolize the total and irrevocable defeat of all evil everywhere, and as much as I would like this, it's just not possible. So bring back the malignant monstrosity that is Dr. Doom and I'll be faithful to Marvel until Lockjaw is put in a dog pound.

Ned Barnett, 2004 Breckenridge Dr. N.E.
Atlanta, Ga. 30329

Don't worry, Ned — they'll never find one big enough for him! (Dog pound, that is.) Y'know, we keep hearing rumors that Doc Doom did survive his ordeal in space! Naturally we don't believe a word of it, but since Marvel leaves nothing to chance, we've sent our ace investigator to check it out. So, as soon as Irving returns, we'll clue you in!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Marvel! Does not the very name fill your soul with awe and delight? Do not the very heavens sing paeans of praise and glory as thy peerless prowess pierces the veil of eternity? Marvel! Does this not conjure an image of the highest form of entertainment, the highest form of art — the Fantastic Four? Aye! 'Tis like unto a jewelled blossom pushing forth the soil to shower its freshness and uniqueness upon all who do behold it. This is my opinion. But this opinion could never have reached fruition if not for the one vital factor that has contributed so much to the F.F.'s success, the one thing that takes true talent and the magic of maturity to perfect — the continued story! But there happen to be some Marvelites who find that the time between continued stories is too agonizing. I cannot agree with these people more, but single-issue stories have a tendency to cheapen the villains and plots, and after this, Marvel would be just another symbol on the stands instead of a beacon to the highest form of entertainment. F.F. #63 was a mockery of the F.F. legend — too crammed and not enough character development. F.F. #64 was much better. Only through a tale with story continuations can the grandeur and greatness of a saga be revealed. Only this way can a story reveal the awe, the excitement, and the tragedy of an epic in this, the Golden, nay — the Marvel Age of Legends!

Allan Perun, 718 Palmerston Ave.
Toronto, Ont., Canada

Ah ha! That was pretty sneaky, Al boy! First, you throw us off-guard with your lovable litany of praise — and then, when we least expect it — whammo — we learn that #63 was a mockery! However, we're printing your sharply critical letter nonetheless — to refute the slanderous charge which is sometimes levelled against us by neolithic non-believers — the charge that we only print flattering letters! (Hooo-boy!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

For a while I thought that the F.F. was dying — the members of the team acted like stuffy, inhuman boobs. Reed was too long-winded, Sue was a helpless female, Ben was utterly without reason, and Johnny was like a carbon copy of the "typical teenager" — ugh! The only reason I kept buying was that I clutched the dim hope that they would pull out of their slump and resume their place as number one. My faith has been rewarded. Starting with Joe Sinnott's simply gorgeous inking, the mag began to improve, slowly but surely. Issue #64 — "The Sinister Sentry" — was good. Make Reed treat Sue as nicely as he did before they married — he doesn't own her! Also, on page 12, what is Reed — a conceited goon? You made it seem as if his usual modesty is just a cover-up for tremendous vanity and pride. Don't wreck Reed. If you have to, cut out half of his dialogue — don't make him so stuffy and bossy. I'd like to see some of that old "air of fantasticness" that the F.F. used to have — they're not the same without it. Work harder — don't rest on past victories! Improve the F.F. I love them still, but sometimes, I love them only out of sheer loyalty! Nevertheless, in spite of all your goofs and failures, you still have the "World's Greatest Comic Magazine" — improve it!!

Kathy Lohr, 9 Bingham Ave.
Rumson, N. J. 07760

Cheee! If we're still the greatest, Kath — we'd hate to read what you say about our other mags! We didn't realize we had been wallowing in a mire of massive mediocrity until you brought it to our attention, gal — but now, thanks to your blowing the whistle on us, we'll see if we can elevate ourselves to the beckoning beachhead of banality! How'sat, pussycat?

NEXT ISH: "By Ben Betrayed!" Doesn't the very title alone make you realize that you're in for a truly special mystery-thriller? We know we've never been famous for our modesty. We know there are some who have even actually accused us of bragging. But honest — it's so hard to describe the great yarn we have in store for you without boasting just a bit! The Man's dialogue has never been more daringly dramatic, while the King's artwork reaches a new peak of pulsatin' perfection that'll knock you outta your secret lab! You'll see the tormented Thing become a raging engine of human destruction as the deadly master plan of our unknown villain continues to unfold! You'll see startling plot developments which you never expected to encounter — but, most of all, you'll see fantastic action as only the acknowledged masters of Marveldom can possibly portray it! All in all, faithful one, we tried to tell it as it is. So meet us here again when FANTASTIC FOUR #69 is unleashed upon the world, 'cause we're gonna have a lot to talk about! And, till then — unless you're in a coma — Think Marvel!

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